

"IT IS EASIER TO CONVINCE A MAN IN AN ARGUMENT THAN TO MAKE HIM ADMIT IT," SAYS THE GROUCH OF GLEN ECHO

Tex Rickard Will Take His Time
About Selecting Bout's Referee

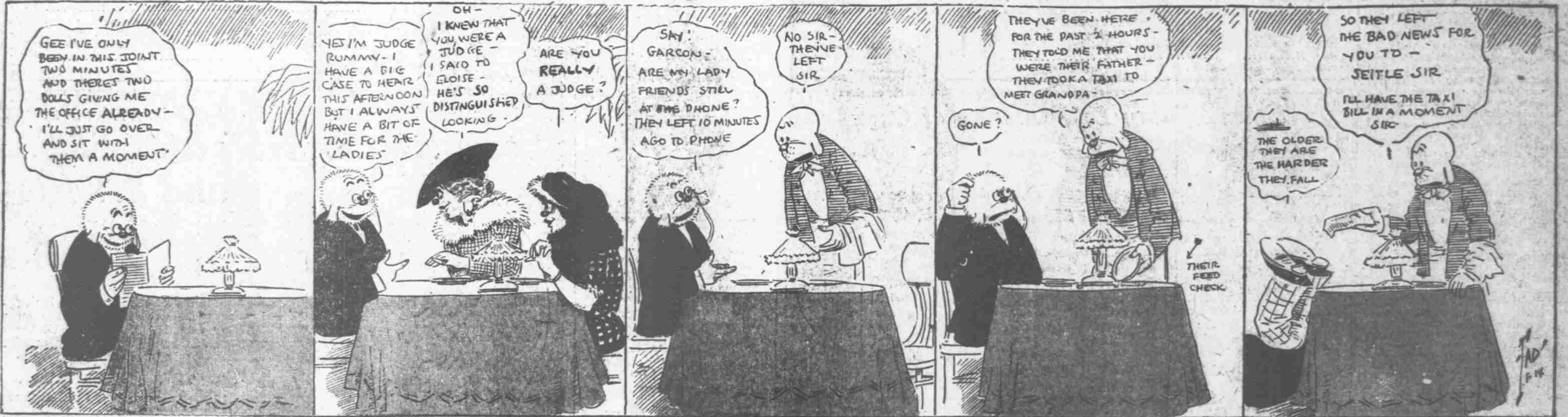
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Jack Dempsey Slams Another
Rising Fighter in a Round

Some Janes Take a Runout Powder on the Judge

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By TAD



TEX SLOWS UP ON OFFICIAL

Matt Hinkel Gets in First Seat Order

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Matt Hinkel, the well-known boxing promoter and referee of Cleveland, Ohio, has put in the first order for a seat by the ringside when Jess Willard defends his title against Jack Dempsey. His certified check has been received by Tex Rickard, who will see that Hinkel gets the best \$30 view of the coming contest.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The selection of a referee for the Willard-Dempsey fight July 6 will probably be held up until after Promoter Tex Rickard chooses a site for the battle, he said today. Rickard pointed out that while he intends to leave the choice of the "third man" to Willard and Dempsey, he will reserve the right to suggest a suitable candidate, or candidates, and that inasmuch as there are many competent referees in various parts of the country he believes the man chosen should be popular in the locality of the big fight or else a referee of nationwide fame.

ALTOONA, Pa., Feb. 14.—Jack Dempsey, challenger for the world's heavyweight championship, has added Eddie Smith, of this city, to his list of knockout victims. Dempsey knocked out Smith with one punch here last night. Smith is a big iron worker and considered a good fighter. Dempsey is meeting local champions in connection with his theatrical tour.

WANTS BIG TOURNAMENT.
NEWPORT, R. I., Feb. 14.—Craig Biddle, chairman of the special tournament committee, today asked that the United States Lawn Tennis Association hold its next tournament during the week of August 15 at the Newport Casino.

WILLIE A MANAGER.
BUFFALO, Feb. 14.—George Witte, former star southpaw pitcher with the Giants, has been named to manage the local International League club for next summer.

When Jack Dempsey Signed to Tackle Jess Willard



Here you see the heavyweight challenger ready to place his John Hancock on the papers entitling him to \$27,500, one-third interest in the moving picture profits and a chance to emerge from his contest with Jess Willard champion of the world. On the left is seen Jack Kearns, manager of the challenger; then comes Jack

Dempsey himself; beside him is Tex Rickard, the promoter of the big scrap, and on the extreme right is "Old Sober-sided" Ike Dorgan, brother of Tad, The Times' popular cartoonist. Ike is Rickard's publicity agent.

TWO AND THREE WITH "BUGS" BAER

Turned the crank of the adding machine as directed in the catalogue, but the only statistics that popped out were a handful of oyster shells and six tobacco tags. Pushed the little wooden flatiron all over the Outja Board until it got dizzy from a Dervish whirling the wrong way. Got no more results than ringing for a janitor. So we'll have to step out with the meager dope shoveled together by the form bugs.

Trying to pick the winner of the Dempsey-Willard fight is as foolish as shampooing a toupee. Willard knocked Jack Johnson blonde in Havana and Dempsey kicked Fulton purple in Newark. If Dempsey can hang a row of knuckles on Willard's collection of chins, Jess will star in cutting paper dolls where Fulton left off. But if one of Willard's most hooks winging East meets Jack touring West,

Dempsey is liable to stroll out of the ring with his nose.

This dope stuff is the old army game. Three pretty little shells and one nimble pellet. But we never saw the birds who did the guessing ever buying any real estate on the proceeds.

Guessing is an older sport than rheumatism, and just as healthy. The affable birds with the revolving shirt fronts who had the metropolitan rights to the goldbrick industry were saps themselves. They wanted a lot of gold leaf on the brickyard fruit when they could have sold 'em raw. The old guessing stuff is the bait that grabs the minnows.

If this ain't official, then why do they make fish hooks in the shape of question marks? You chirped it, then. The bird with the beady eye who buzzes you that this is no catch at fair, fake or humbug, but a scientific exhibition of mechanical skill, this elated three times around the globe and gained for ourselves a planet-wide reputation. I repeat, gentlemen, this article to be better than gold—it's o-the-wisp or fly-by-night; you can get your girl a cane, the parade starts in a minute. Remember, the cane you ring is the cane you get.

That wise cracking cuckoo knows that he can grab the velvet by letting the fish try to toss a two-inch curtain ring over a four-inch knob on a trick cane. The boys like to guess. A bug doesn't feel right unless he's wrong. That cane bound couldn't sell a cane. If he tried to sell 'em, some sucker would sell him some.

But he knows that he can guess his canes on the mob. If the cane was in before they started—they wouldn't start. So they break their backs and a dollar bill trying to ring a cane with a ring that couldn't be crowded on with a shoehorn.

Which is the answer to the question why fish hooks are bent into question marks. Why do New Yorkers eat Chinese food? Because they never know what they are going to get. They order from a menu on which every name looks the same, like Ford radiator caps. They get a dish that looks like a Bullseye's whiskers and they don't know what they're going to get, which is the reason they get it.

Jazz music is popular because it's guess music. Nobody knows what it's all about, but they are afraid to admit it.

Shooting a canary bird off his perch isn't indulged in in our best apartments because there is no guess attached to it. There is no value attached to a German Iron Cross for two reasons. First—because every boogie got one; second—because it is German, which should have been first. Each Hun had his Iron Cross before he started. On this side of the herring gymnasium, we want to guess for our crosses even if we grab the double.

The old cane you ring is the cane you get.

If you ring it.

FOSTER WILL PLAY HIS FINAL BATTLE

Frank Foster, Central's basketball captain, will play his final game for the Mt. Pleasant lads today. Foster goes out with the mid-year graduating class and will no longer wear a Central uniform after today's contest. The Central lads will endeavor to stage another comeback today when they meet the Baltimore Poly players in a return contest here.

Three weeks ago Central journeyed to Baltimore and was beaten by the Poly lads. Since that time the lads, coached by C. A. Metzler, have come forward rapidly.

One of the most remarkable comebacks of the season was exhibited by Central yesterday against the unbeaten Gonzaga High School team. After being played almost off their feet by Business to a 22 to 17 loss on Tuesday, Central tackled Gonzaga yesterday.

The 11 street lads had won eleven straight games, their record was quite the best of the schoolboy teams and Central was almost assured a good drubbing.

After the first quarter, in yesterday's contest it was nothing but Central. The game was played in the Gonzaga gymnasium and the 11 streeters were treated to a 29 to 21 drubbing. Central led at 16 to 3 in the first half and at 25 to 9 in the third quarter. Gonzaga failed to live up to its reputation but died fighting hard for a victory.

TILLY WALKER SIGNS.
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14.—Far from retiring to sell real estate, Clarence "Tilly" Walker, the Mackmen's outfielder, will be on the job again next summer. His signed contract has arrived.

GRIFF ON COMMITTEE.
Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington club, has been placed on the committee which will seek to erect a permanent memorial to Capt. Edward L. Grant, the former big league ball player, who was killed in action in the Argonne forest, October 4, 1918.

HERE ARE THE DATES.
The Jockey Club officials have granted the following spring "wags": Bowie, April 1-15; Havre de Grace, April 16-20; Pimlico, May 1-17; United Hunt Racing Association (spring meeting), May 1-17.

FREE-FOR-ALL ON CARD.
Tonight a free-for-all and one other skating race will mark the card at the Central Coliseum. The free-for-all will be a one-mile event, after which six of Washington's best skaters will pail off for a two-mile team race. The entrants are Tony Cannello, George Morrow, Harry Whitting, Bernie Emmert, Happy Young, and Freddie Wassman.

WILL PLAY TWO GAMES.
Treasury and Interstate Commerce and Agriculture and Navy Yard are down for tomorrow's Recreation League battles.

WILL CAMPAIGN TO BREAK ANCIENT MARYLAND LAWS

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 14.—Despite the decision of the Maryland court of appeals upholding the appeal of the Lord's Day Alliance against a city ordinance permitting baseball and other outdoor recreation of Sunday, friends of a more liberal Sabbath, Christianism and Walker will come up for a game with the Hilltoppers. As a preliminary the Georgetown Preps will meet their dearest rivals, the Gonzaga High School, in what is expected to be a first-class engagement.

The curtain will be pulled down on a most successful Hilltop season tomorrow night. Coach O'Reilly will have battery candidates out in the gymnasium beginning Monday and will trot out his field and track candidates for preliminaries to the Second Regiment meet to be held in Baltimore on the night of March 22.

Plana were made today for a more vigorous campaign for Sunday sports, and the matter will again be taken to the city council and to the Maryland Legislature, which meets next January. Legal experts said today that they believed a loophole can be found in the ancient blue laws.

SCHULTE IS MANAGER.
Frank Schulte, the veteran outfielder with the Griffins last season, has accepted an offer to manage the Birmingham International League Club next summer. He goes with the best wishes of Washington's fandom.

NAVY YARD WINS.
Navy Yard tossers scored an easy 31-to-23 win over the Bureau of Aircraft baskets in Epiphany gymnasium last night.

WILL TRY "COME BACK."
Al McCoy, former middleweight titleholder, who lost his honor to Mike O'Dowd, is planning a "come back." He will take on Ted Block at Detroit, February 21, and Chuck Wiggins at Toledo, March 1.

CORNELL STAYS OUT.
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14.—It has been definitely settled that Cornell will enter no crew in the American Henley, to be rowed here on May 31. Instead, Harvard will race Cornell on Lake Cayuga on that date.

HILLTOPPERS END SEASON TOMORROW

Georgetown University basketballs will wind up their season tomorrow night in playing the West Point alumni team from Camp Humphreys. The Hilltoppers will forsake the floor for field and track sports and baseball from now on. A proposed Northern trip was abandoned. Another jaunt through the South Atlantic section was given up on account of the lateness of the season.

The Hilltoppers have had an unusually successful season. Every game but one on the schedule was won handsily by the Georgetown men under Coach John O'Reilly. The team went to the Navy for its only defeat, and was deprived of the services of Capt. Freddy Fees so early in the contest as to render the game a certain loss for the Hilltoppers.

As it was, the Hilltoppers held the Navy lads to the closest score of the year. Georgetown has defeated Mt. St. Joseph's, Camp Humphreys, Gallaudet, Johns Hopkins, Independents, New York University, George Washington and Virginia Polytechnic Institute in one or more games.

The Hilltoppers started with material far below the usual standard. Freddy Fees was the only veteran to return from last season's powerful quint. Plavin, O'Connell, O'Brien and Zazelle were worked in with Fees for a winning combination.

Play an injury which kept him out of a great part of the season. Carney filled in acceptably and the team was further strengthened by the return of Bill Dudaack, who played guard last season.

Tomorrow night the West Point Alumni team with Vidal, Britton, Hahn, Christiansen and Walker will come up for a game with the Hilltoppers. As a preliminary the Georgetown Preps will meet their dearest rivals, the Gonzaga High School, in what is expected to be a first-class engagement.

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Business High School freshmen will travel over to Central today for a preliminary to the Central-Baltimore Poly battle while Western's yearlings will go over to Eastern for a return engagement with the Eastern High School lads.

The Freshman League will wind up next week when Western plays Tech and Eastern meets Central.

JUMPERS TO PERFORM.
The date of Saturday, April 26, has been set for the Maryland Hunt Club Steeplechase, and will be held on the farm of G. Bernard Penwick, Worthington Valley, Maryland.

OPERATIONS IS AHEAD.
Naval Operations basketballs were a 22-to-9 contest from the Bureau of Engraving basketball team on the Mt. Vernon Hall floor.

TEN YEARS AGO IN SPORTS

Cornell and Harvard met in six branches of athletics. The Cornell teams signed to meet the Crimson players in football, track, lacrosse, baseball, rowing and soccer.

John Clarkson, famous pitcher, was reported as dying from pneumonia in a sanatorium in Bay-City, Mich. Clarkson was suffering from mental depression brought on, it was said, by the failure of his brother, Walter, to make good in the big leagues.

Jerry Downs, popular utility man of the Detroit Tigers, was sent to Minneapolis.

CHARLIE MURPHY IS NOW MINORITY STOCKHOLDER

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Charles Webb Murphy, former owner of the Chicago Cubs, is back in the game today—a minority stockholder of the Cubs with which he won four National League championships and two world pennants. Murphy bought the Cub stock yesterday but refused to reveal the extent of his purchase beyond saying, "I am a minority stockholder."

"There is going to be a revival of the game," said Murphy. "I wanted to get back in baseball. I felt I would be better satisfied to have an interest in the Cubs and I acquired one. That is all there is to it."

TIGERS WON'T PLAY DARTMOUTH'S TEAM

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 14.—Princeton has dropped Dartmouth from its 1919 football schedule, acting in agreement with Harvard and Yale. Harvard has severed relations with Cornell, and Yale will not meet Brown nor Colgate on the gridiron next fall.

There is much regret among the student body here at the action of the athletic authorities in dropping Dartmouth. The New Hampshire eleven has met the Tigers ever since 1897.

GALLAUDET PLAYERS WILL TACKLE STATERS

Gallaudet's husky basketballs will tackle Maryland State tomorrow night at the Y. M. C. A. with a double purpose. The Kendall Green lads were noosed out by State in their first engagement and not only want revenge for the defeat, but advance for the leadership of the District League.

V. P. I. was handily defeated Wednesday afternoon by 48 to 24, and the team is coming forward rapidly. A win for the Gallaudet lads, following their recent victory over Catholic University will give them a lead in the District circuit.

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